

The Irish Play "Biddy."

Effective Protest.

Performance Withdrawn.

The distribution of leaflets outside the Theatre on Monday night characterising the play "Biddy" as offensive to Irish religion, and particularly to the Catholic Church, had a lively sequel on Tuesday night when a hostile reception was accorded to the piece. The work of Mr Laurence Cowen, a native of Hull, "Biddy" was described on the programme as an "Irish Stew," and was being presented by a company of Irish players, who perform principally across-harbour. The house was fairly crowded when the curtain rung up on the opening scene. All went well for about twenty minutes when the storm broke with unexpected suddenness, but there was nothing like alarm among the audience, or anything approaching pandemonium. It was at the close of the dialogue between the squire and the priest that the temper of the "house" became apparent. The priest was represented as being prepared to offer a dispensation in return for a sum of £250 for a school building to the squire, when the storm broke out.

Hissing, booing, and stamping of feet were indulged in by the audience until the artistes retired from the stage, and simultaneously the curtain was rung down on the scene.

There were indignant cries for the people to leave the house by a number of young men in the stalls and pit, and the demand was readily complied with, but without incident of any kind.

Mr Denis O'Dwyer, who occupied a seat in the stalls near the orchestra, stood up in his place and addressed the people as they were making their way towards the exits. He said it was bad enough to caricature the Irish people, but when it came to holding up their clergy to ridicule, then it was time to stop such performances. Applause and loud cheers greeted his remarks, and continuing he said they would see that those productions were stopped. He appealed to the people to do nothing rash, but they wanted them by their withdrawal from the theatre to enter a dignified protest against such misrepresentations as "Biddy."

This was received with renewed cheering from the audience, and was re-echoed by the dense crowd that had congregated in Wentworth-street. By this time the theatre was cleared of all except those who were responsible for the protest, and they remained at the back of the pit for some time, and sang the well-known hymn, "Faith of our Fathers."

At the conclusion of the hymn, one of the

There were brisk inquiries in Limerick yesterday and to-day for National Loan, and several applications were received at the banks and stockbrokers' offices. Over two thousand pounds each have been subscribed in the city by individual investors, and there were numerous applications for £100 worth of stock and upwards. It is felt that the issue locally will be handsomely subscribed to before the closing day.

At the meeting of the Harbour Board yesterday, the Mayor presiding, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman O'Flynn, to invest £5,000 in the Loan.

The Irish "B.P." Company, which has an important branch in Limerick, has applied for an allotment of £10,000, which is similar to the amount taken up by the firm in the 1923 flotation.

Nearly £1,000,000 has been subscribed in Dublin alone for the Loan.

DEATH OF REV. W. J. MULCAHY, P.P.

The death took place at the Parochial House, Croagh, Rathkeale, yesterday, of the Rev William J. Mulcahy, P.P, a well-known County Limerick clergyman. Father Mulcahy had been in poor health for some considerable time past, and his death was not unexpected. He had reached the fine age of 82 years, and all his ministerial life was spent in his native diocese. He was curate at St. Mary's, Ballingarry, and other places, and thirty years ago was appointed to the pastoral charge of Croagh by the late Most Rev. Dr O'Dwyer. Father Mulcahy was a gifted preacher and writer, and a great temperance advocate and author of several brochures dealing with the Irish temperance movement.

The interment will take place to-morrow, after Office and Requiem High Mass in the Parish Church at 11 o'clock.

THE MARKETS DEBT.

To-morrow, the Local Government Auditor, Mr McGuaig, will commence the audit of the Corporation accounts for the year ended the 31st March of this year. It was stated at the meeting of the Improvement Committee last night that the auditor's attention should be directed to the position of the City Markets Trust, with the object of having some arrangement made for payment of the monies due to the Corporation under the Trust. The amount has been put at various figures by members of the Corporation, in one instance it has been fixed at £50,000.

COMING "DOROTHY" PERFORMANCES.

GARRYOWEN CUP.

The much discussed fixture Mallock and Newcastle West Cup competition took place. Both teams had the services of senior players, and a rare contest. The result was rather a surprise, Mallock winning by 8 points to 5.

OFF TO THE NORTH.

Garryowen pay their first visit on Saturday, where they meet The Northern team have the original constitution of being old boys of Methodist College, better than in previous years of the Limerick Club will be by local Ruggers.

NEXT SATURDAY.

Much interest is centred in the Dolphin and Young Munster League, which takes place at the Markets Field on Saturday evening. The Limerick team will be strongly confident of victory over the Dublin team. A very keen rivalry exists between the two teams.

THE JUNIORS.

Shannon lost to Presenta in a friendly on Sunday. Young Munster III defeated Presenta by two tries to nil at the Markets Field on Sunday last.

MATCH FOR THURSDAY.

The old rivals Young Munster and Garryowen meet in the Senior League next at the Markets Field.

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THE CHRISTMAS PROBLEM

The great problem of December is the gift problem. To select suitable gifts without exceeding the amount of money at your disposal for the purpose, is no easy matter. The Rexall Shop readily solves the problem. At the Rexall Chemist's establishment there you will find just the thing for everyone, and all at reasonable prices. Don't worry about the Christmas shopping. Next time you are out, visit the Rexall Shop and have a look round. If you want you are not obliged to buy anything, but you are certain to see something—more than you need—which will be just the thing you are looking for. Let us help you to solve your Christmas shopping problem. Are at your service.—JOHN L. REXALL, Rexall Pharmacy, 118 O'Connell Street.

PARKING OF MOTORS.

At a meeting of the Hackney Cars Committee report was read from the president of the Civic Guard, a list of motor car owners, who had offended against the bye-law regarding the parking of cars in the city. The committee decided to prosecute.